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1. Mr. Haider, provincial leader in Upper Austria of the Communist Party of Austria, expressed satisfaction with the cooperation between the Communist Party of Austria and the Socialist Party of Austria. He called the headway made in the labor unions and large concerns as a result of this cooperation a promising fact. The Communists have succeeded in breaking the reserve of the Socialists, and penetrated the domain of that party, a success which he felt could not be over-estimated.
2. Kurt Bonedikt, local editor of the Linz Communist Party paper Neue Zeit, said that special efforts are being made to infiltrate Communists into the police in Austria. According to present provisions, only such persons are eligible as have special recommendations. The Communist, who, of course, have no direct possibility of being admitted, now utilize several Socialist deputies to get the necessary recommendations. Results of this procedure were satisfactory and the previous omission of infiltrating Communists into the executive can now quickly be made up. The only difficulty is to find suitable persons.

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